

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notice of Allowance mailed December 12, 2011 (the "Office Action"). Claims 28-32, 34-48 and 56-82 are allowed. Claims 28, 36, 37, 48, 56, 61, 63, 71-82 have been amended without adding new subject matter. Applicants respectfully request favorable action in this case.

Request for Interview

If the present Application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of all filed IDSs not previously considered, by initialing and returning each Form PTO-1449.

The required fee for the Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization to Deposit Account 06-1050. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

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